l) whether any effort has been made tudy the working of the staff; and

) if so, the details thereof?

HE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE IISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI 'PAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) No,

) Does not arise

) and (e) Periodical work study is g conducted on the working of the and recommendations made by the study team from time to time are emented wherever justified and feas-

owever, in order to improve the func-ng of sale of tickets, computer reser-n offices at Hyderabad and Secun-bad and 8 satellite locations at diffe-places of the twin cities are available convenience of passengers. In addi-tion Micro Processor based self printing ticket machines have also been intro-duced for the effective sale of tickets.

Ongoing railway projects in Rajasthan

824. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the ongoing railway projects in Rajasthan;

(b) the details regarding delay in achieving the targets in each case; and

(c) the reasons for the delay and rectifying measures taken or proposed to be taken paticularly with regard to broad gauge conversion work of Ahmedabad-Marwar-Ajmer-Jaipur-Delhi railway line till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c)

Name of Project	Anticipated Cost (Rs in cr)	Original Target Date	Revised Target Date	Reasons for Delay
GAUGE CONVERSION				
Gauge Conversion of Phulera-Marwar-Ahmedabad (572 km) (Rajasthan/-Gujarat)	456.57	31.03.96	31.03.97	Target date was postponed on the request of Ministry of Petroleum to facilitate the movement of POL traffic to Northern States.
Gauge Conversion of Agra Fort-Bandikui (151 kms)	88.73	31.12.97	31.12 98	The project was planned under BOLT, Owing to unsatisfactory response, it has to be done with Railway funds. Hence the delay.

vay projects with foreign assistance

5. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased ate:

the major ongoing projects funded 'orld Bank/other international agen-

) the details of progress made there-on in terms of the targets set; and

(c) the new projects proposed for funding by World Bank/other foreign agencies/Governments and their present status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ):

(a) and (b):

S. No.	Name of Project	Scope of Project	Estimated Cost	Funding Agency	Loan/Aid Component	Important Information About The Loan	Amount Utilised	Physical Progress
1.	Ist Railway Project-Loan No. 857 IND: Procurement of 3 Phase High Horse Power Freight Locos, with Transfer of technology, upgradation of Railway facility and equipment.	1. Supply of 3-phase high horse power freight locos with technology transfer-22 nos. 2. Track-to-train communication. 3. Sub-station facility. 4. Training facility including loco simulators. 5. electric loco workshop equipment.	US $442.00 million	Asian Development Bank.	Us $190.00 million	Signed on 16.12.1987 Effective on 1.3.1988 Closing date 31.1.93 Extended upto 31.3.97 (TOT Portion US $ 10.0 m extended upto 31.3.2004)	Us $166.034 million	6 fully assembled locos, 7 semi-knocked down assemblies and 3 completely knocked down assemblies have been received, 6 completely Knocked Down are shipped. Other work is completed. First knocked down locos have been assembled, tested and commissioned. These have been put in service trial.
1A.	Procurement of 3 phase High Horse Power Passenger Locos and sub-station facilities	3-phase High-horse power passenger locomotives (11 nos.) and 16 traction sub-stations	Included in Project above. (not ongoing)	EXIM Bank, Japan	US $ 110.0 million	Signed on 10.8.1988 Closing date 10.11.93 Extended upto 30.9.96 Loan closed in Sept. 96.	US $ 102.30 million	All 11 locomotives received. 9 locomotives put on service trial. One loco under oscilla tion trial for 180 kmph test

2.	IInd Railway Project-Loan No. 1140-IND: Electrification of Patratu-Sonnagar and 3rd line between Sonnagar-Mughalsarai, etc.	1. Construction of 3rd line between Sonnagar-MGS with electrification. 2. Electrification of Patratu-Sonnagar. 3. BOXN Components. 4. Unit Ex change Spares. 5. Procurement of track Machines.	US $ 500.00 million	Asian Development Bank	US $107.70 million	Signed on 6.4.1992 Effective on 1.6.1992 original closing date 31.12.1996 Extended closing date 30.6.98	US $ 45.418 million	1. 266 out of 291 kms. of Sonnagar-Patratu electrified. 2. 4 out of 15 block sections have been completed and opened. 3. BOX N component completed. 4. Unit spares - Major portion completed. 5. Track machines global tenders under evaluaiton as per ADB procedures.
3.	Construction of Broad Gauge line between Kasaput-Rayagada	Part of civil works, 15000 mt of rails, 3 track machines, concrete sleepers and survey instruments.	Rs. 442.32 crores	Saudi Fund for development	Saudi Riyal 88.0 million	Signed on 11.8.1993 [illegible] 30.6.97 [illegible] 31.12.[illegible] [illegible] 31.12.98. [illegible] condition asked for upto 30.6.97	Saudi Riyal 62 million.	Line commissioned loan under closure.

S. No.	Name of Project	Scope of Project	Estimated Cost	Funding Agency	Loan/Aid Component	Important Information About The Loan	Amount Utilised	Physical Progress
4.	UK Grant-1990 Procurement of Rails, etc.	Procurement of head-hardened rails, flash butt welding plant, dynamic braking resistors, turbo charges, Vacuum Pressure Impregnant Plant & Fatigue Testing Laboratory/ RDSO	33.00 million Pounds Sterling	U.K. Grant	33.00 million Pounds Sterling	Amount pledged: Pounds 40 million Starting date 12.2.90 First closing date: 30.9.95 Extended closing date: March 97.	31.745 million Pounds Sterling	All components have been completed except head-hardened rails, 38900 tonnes of which had been supplied and balance 900 tonnes have been shipped but not received.
5.	Design, manufacture, etc., commissioning of continuous Automatic Train Control (CATC) system.	Design, manufacture, supply testing and commissioning of CATC System Phase-I of Metro Railway/ Calcutta.	FF 56.295 million + Rs. 2.30 crore	French credit	FF 56.295 million	Financial Protocol signed on 24.6.88 Exchange of Documents 25.1.1990 Closing date: 30.7.1992 Extended upto 30.6.1997	FF 50.872 million	Design, manufacture, supply and testing have been completed, however, the commissioning is held up for making some changes in a few features of the system expected date of commissioning June 97.

(c):

The following six projects have been posed to ADB for funding:

1. Third line between Bilaspur and Bhilai (132 Km.)

2. Banspani-Tomka New Line including electrification (155 Km)

3. Bombay Division (CR) - Conversion of DC to AC system.

4. Bombay Division (WR) - Conversion of DC to AC system.

5. Third line between Sonua and Manoharpur (40 Km)

6. Haridaspur-Paradeep New Line Project (78 Km)

The feasibility study report of these projects have already been sent to ADB. ADB's response is awaited.

A project for improvement of signalling between Ghaziabad and Kanpur has been posed, through the Ministry of Finance, to KFW, Germany. They have conducted a feasibility study.

Expansion of Railways in backward regions

826. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have for the first time accorded priority for expansion of Railways in the backward regions of North-East, J&K, Bihar, Kutch, Panch Mahal, Andhra Pradesh etc.;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the scheme on priority basis has not been taken up for the development of backward rural areas of Gujarat, especially Panch Mahal and Kutch regions;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to take up the expansion programme in the near future; and

(d) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The policy of the Govt. is to accord priority to the development of rail infrastructure in backward areas particularly in the NE Region.

(c) The Govt. have included several new projects all over the country for expansion of rail network, details of which are printed in the budget documents provided to all Members of the House.

(d) Does not arise.

Special trains between Madras-Delhi

827. SHRI O.S. MANIAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to run special trains on daily basis between Madras-Delhi to clear the summer rush during April-June; and

(b) if so, whether Government also propose to introduce at least one superfast train on all days of the week between Delhi-Madras in view of the heavy traffic on this route;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) At present there is no such proposal. However, a close watch on the traffic is being kept and if justified special trains from Nizamuddin to Madras will be run.

Response of investors to the BOLT Scheme

828. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the response from investors to the "build-own-lease-transfer" (BOLT) scheme of the Railways has been very poor during the past few years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to make amendment to the BOLT scheme to encourage investors: and